

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Kenneth O. Wilson, Treasurer
Democratic State Central Committee of
Maryland
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Annapolis, MD 21401

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Identification Number:

C00141812

Reference:

12 Day Pre-Primary Report (1/1/00-2/16/00)

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Please provide the total(s) for Line 8, Column B of the Summary Page.

-Your report discloses an outstanding balance(s) beginning this period for a debt(s) owed to Martin's, lnc. and H&W Printing. However, an outstanding balance(s) at the close of the period was not disclosed on your 1999 Year-End Report. Please amend your report(s) to clarify this discrepancy.

-On Schedule H2, you have failed to check the ratio type box (i.e., NEW, REVISED, SAME AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED). Please amend your report to correct this omission. 11 CFR §104.10(a)(1)

-On Schedule H2, you disclose the ratio for Trustee Program to be 50% federal and 50% non-federal; however, your 1999 Year-End Report disclosed this ratio as 60% federal and 40% non-federal. Please clarify the nature of this revision. 11 CFR §104.10(a)(1)

-Your report discloses receipts totaling \$13,000 from ASDC/DOLLARS FOR DEMOCRATS, which is a joint fundraising committee(s) affiliated with your committee. Please be advised that a memo Schedule A must be provided to itemize your committee's share of the gross contributions

received through the joint fundraiser(s). The memo schedule should itemize each individual who has contributed an aggregate in excess of \$200 during the calendar year, and provide the amount of unitemized contributions received. In addition, the memo schedule should itemize your committee's share of all contributions from political committees, regardless of amount. 11 CFR §102.17(c)(8)(i)(B)

-Schedule H2 of your report indicates that your committee participated in fundraising activities or events during the reporting period. However, there are no corresponding disbursements reflected on your Schedule H4. If any disbursements were incorrectly reported, you should file an amended Schedule H4 with the correct unique identifying code or title.

Note that you need not include activities on Schedule H2 if there are no corresponding payments made for the activity during the reporting period.

-On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have failed to include a unique identifying title or code for the payment(s) made to Martin-Laurer & Associates. 11 CFR §104.10. Please amend this report to provide a unique identifying title or code for each entry omitting this information.

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for Administrative/Voter Drive are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/Voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundraising, direct candidate support, and exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. This running EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

-For your information, all contributions received that aggregate \$200 or less per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(ii). Contributions received aggregating over \$200 per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(i) and itemized on Schedule A.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days

of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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